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Society Hill Church, Hathorn, Mississippi.
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**Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association** met this day with Society Hill Church in its seventh annual session at 10 o'clock a. m., with its officers present, viz., A. H. Dale, moderator; J. W. Burrow, clerk; and C. V. Sutton, treasurer.

The congregation after singing songs, prayer by Brother W. J. Barnes, Brother J. O. Buckley by request of the moderator conducted the devotional exercises, reading for the morning lesson some verses from the 116th Psalm. Brethren C. H. Mize and J. A. Lee led in the opening prayers.

The moderator called the association to order and appointed Brothers R. B. Dale, W. H. Izard and J. H. Johnson as a committee on finance.

On motion, brethren J. A. Lee and J. O. Buckley were appointed reading clerks of the associational letters.

By request of the moderator, Brother J. R. Carter led in a special prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit during the session.

The letters from the churches were called for and read, the clerk enrolled the names of the messengers from each church as follows:

Petitionary letters called for: None presented.

ANTIOCH—E. R. Broom, W. D. Turnage.

BETHANY—J. O. Buckley, Geo. S. Mikell, J. J. Chance and J. W. Burrow.

BASSFIELD—W. J. Carter, B. F. Reddoch, Luther Burkett.

CARSON—Charley Laird, John Dyess, W. H. Izard.

EBENEZER—F. A. Hathorn, W. T. Morgan, Joseph Evans, Tom Allen.

HEBRON—A. H. Dale, J. H. Johnston, A. C. Berry, H. C. Lane, and S. B. Bishop, W. T. Hutchins and R. C. Bethea.

HEBZIBAH—Homer Hedgepeth, Zollie Daniels, J. M. Price.

OAKGROVE—Vernon Smith, Luther S. Mikell, and Tom Smith.

PHALTI—W. H. Thompson, Walter Griffith.

PRENTISS—J. A. Lee, M. C. Tyrone, J. N. Sutton, and Jno. C. Polk.

SOCIETY HILL—J. M. Fortenberry, H. C. Williamson, J. F. Bass, L. R. Upton, and Fleet Parkenon.

VICTORY—J. P. Deen, J. L. Dewitt.

WHITESAND—J. M. Bridges, F. J. Lee, C. V. Sutton, R. B. Dale, L. A. Miller, Cowsert Dale and John B. Stamps.

On motion the rules of the association were suspended and the present officers elected by acclamation.

Received correspondence as follows: J. R. Carter representing the Orphanage; Brethren J. E. Byrd and N. R. Drummond representing the 75 Million Baptist Campaign.

Messengers present from other Associations: Brethren C. H. Mize, Lawrence County Association. M. J. Derrick, Lebonan Association; J. P. Williams, Strong River Association; B. E. Phillips, Lawrence County Association.

On motion the following was adopted: Resolved that any member of this association who is in good standing with his church is hereby authorized to represent this association in any of the fraternal bodies with which we correspond.

On motion, the moderator was authorized to appoint such committees as necessary.

The following brethren were appointed as a committee on nominations: C. G. Laird, F. J. Lee and B. F. Reddoch.

Brother Luther C. Burkett was appointed to write the report on ministerial education.

On motion, further business of the association was suspended to listen to the preaching of the associational sermon, the sermon was preached by Rev. M. J. Derrick, using as a text, part of the 6th verse of the 4th chapter of John.

Prayer by Brother J. R. Carter.

After announcements, on motion, recessed until 1:30 p. m.

Benediction by J. O. Buckley.

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## FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

After song service, prayer by Brother C. V. Sutton.

The association was announced in order for business.

On motion, all the reports relating to the 75 Million Baptist Campaign be postponed and read tomorrow morning at 10:30.

Brother M. J. Derrick was appointed to write the report on publication.

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## REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

Brother C. G. Laird read the report on B. Y. P. U., and was spoken to by Brethren J. R. Carter, J. A. Lee and C. H. Mize. Pending the adoption of this report quite a number of the messengers promised to organize a B. Y. P. U. in their church. On motion the report was adopted as follows:

The Baptist Young People's Union is one of the greatest organizations of the Baptist Church for the development of the young people in church work, and its wonderful growth in the past few years shows the popularity of the idea.

The B. Y. P. U. gives our boys and girls more of the practical teachings of our denomination than they could get from any other source.

It develops the young Christian in many ways. They learn to preside over meetings, to lead in discussions, to pray in public, and to help in all church work.

Then again it give the young Christian some definite work. Every Christian boy and girl needs a work that will be vitally interesting to him, and it is only by having live, wide-awake organizations like the B. Y. P. U. that some definite work can be assigned each one.

To meet the needs of the young in the church, we need a Senior and Junior B. Y. P. U. The Senior for the older boys and girls, the Junior for the younger ones. In this way we can reach the social phase of the life of the young people, and the future of our denomination depends on the young boys and girls of the present day.

There are so many things to draw the young Christian away from the church, and out into the world that we, as God's people, have the responsibility on our shoulders of providing some form of work for the church that will hold and interest the young Christian.

Let them feel that some responsibility rests on them, that

we need them, and their Christian lives will unfold and develop.

Every Baptist church should begin now. Order your B. Y. P. U. Manual and literature, organize the young people of the church, and push, push for the growth of the kingdom of God.

## REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Brother M. J. Derrick read the report on Publications, and was discussed by him, J. A. Lee and J. O. Buckley, on motion, the report was adopted as follows:

Solomon says: "Of making many books there is no end." The printed page is the best way of getting information before the people. Every sort of business recognizes this. The country is flooded with literature on every subject under the sun. Heresies are presented to your children on the road, streets and railway trains. We can not afford to neglect their reading. Show me the books and papers in a home and I'll show you something of the character of that home. We can not fail to be affected by our reading. God says in Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Paul exhorts Timothy to "give attendance to reading." 1 Tim. 4:13

We have an abundance of good literature in books and papers. Every home should have the best books and papers. Our State Mission Board at Jackson is doing a good service in furnishing good books. Our Sunday school board, Nashville, is constantly getting out good books. They also have a monthly book review that is of invaluable service.

Our periodicals and papers should be taken and read by every Baptist. We recommend to every home in the association, the reading of the Baptist Record, published by our State convention; Home and Foreign Fields, published by Sunday School board; Orphanage Gem; and Sunday school literature published by our Sunday School board, Nashville, Tenn.

M. J. DERRICK.

## REPORT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Brother J. M. Fortenberry read the report on church discipline. On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

We believe all bodies of men should have a rule or law to be guided by, so it is necessary for the church to have a rule to be governed by. We will find in the New Testament a safe and sane guide in all matters of difference that may occur. We feel that the greatest need of our churches is that the members are not careful as they should be in conversation and habits. We read in First Corinthians that we that believe and trust in Christ should not go to law one with another, but sometimes we see members go to law for justice, thereby destroying the love and fellowship that existed before. We feel that the leaders and teachers don't talk or teach enough along this line. It is so easy for members to forget or neglect their duty to the church or one to another in this time of haste. We see that members leave off church service and duty to tend to worldly things to such an extent that we fear the impression made on the minds of the growing generation will be business before service to Christ.

But the time is here when we have got to do things for the Master, the plans are laid, which we believe will prove who is on the side of the Lord, and we read that he that is not for us is against us and we will have to act accordingly. But let us deal wisely and prayfully one with another in order to strengthen our church in faith and work. Let us come together in a greater effort than ever before to reach every member in order to do the most good for the cause of the Master and let those that refuse to do anything be dealt with as seems best for the cause of Christ.

JOHN M. FORTENBERRY.

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Brother J. R. Carter was appointed to write the report on the Orphanage.

After announcements, on motion adjounrned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by J. O. Buckley.

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## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

After song service, Brother J. A. Lee conducted the devotional exercises, reading part of the 19th Psalm for the morning lession; prayer by Brother M. J. Derrick.

The association was announced in order for business.

The reading of yesterday's minute was omitted until tomorrow morning.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed as a committee on Apportionment, for the purpose of ascertaining if the churches of this association would reject, or approve and adopt the apportionment made by the Southern Baptist Convention: W. D. Turnage, John Laird, B. F. Reddoch, W. H. Izard, F. A. Hathorn, A. C. Berry, J. M. Price, Luther S. Mikell, W. H. Thompson, J. A. Lee, J. P. Deen, J. F. Bass, C. V. Sutton.

Brother J. O. Buckley read the report on Foreign Missions; J. A. Lee on State Missions; J. O. Buckley on Denominational Schools; J. R. Carter read the report on the Orphanage; Luther Burkett read the report on Ministerial Education; C. V. Sutton read the report on Home Missions; N. S. Buckley read the report on Home Missions; N. S. Buckley read the report on Sustentation; B. F. Reddoch read the report on Woman's Work; pending the discussion of these reports the congregation sang one of the 75 Million Baptist Campaign songs, after which and by request Brother N. R. Drummond led in prayer. The reports were discussed by the following brethren, J. E. Byrd and J. P. Williams. Pending further discussion of these, on motion, recessed until 1:30 p. m.

Prayer by Brother B. E. Phillips.

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## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

After song service, Brother T. D. Cox led in prayer.

The association was then announced in order for business.

The discussion of the several reports read in the morning were resumed by Brethren J. R. Carter, N. R. Drummond and C. H. Mize. On motion, the reports were adopted as follows:

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We understand the word Missions to mean "sent," "commissioned" or "delegated" by one of authority to do specific work in a specific way, to a specific people.

Therefore missions is the message seen and felt in the earthly life of our Lord, and is in accord with His last mes-

sage to the disciples, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have command you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Foreign Missions is but the carrying out of that part of our Lord's command, which is adopted to the conditions, needs, and life of all nations.

The conditions, nationally, are such as we hardly expected, and of which we should be proud, for in assuming so large a responsibility; in such an unselfish way, for the welfare of other nations, we command in a peculiar way the respect and praise of the world for our unselfish service.

Shall we not then, grasp this opportunity, made possible to us, by the events through which the world has past, and enter the opened doors for our Lord?

Released from the demand and ravages of war, these nations will naturally turn their eyes, ears, and attention to the offers of the Gospel of the Prince of Peace. Thereby becoming a ripe and ready field into which our Lord has commanded us to enter.

The war through which we have just past has greatly increased both the Home and Foreign lands' need of the gospel. For the lifting of the external restraints, and powers, from the shoulders of both national and individual life, calls for the immediate constraints which the gospel of Jesus Christ alone is able to give. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

Liberty of any nature, without the constraining influences which the gospel gives and which makes men answerable to God does not safeguard, the life or liberties, of either a nation or individual. Therefore, the world's need of a whole gospel is imperative.

We call your attention to some of the visible results on the mission fields for last year: 5,635 baptisms; 41 churches constituted; 129,298 treatments by medical missionaries; $173,372 contributed by the native Christians; receipts for the year, $1,223,190.47; a gain over preceding year, $370,266.74.

Reports show that the educational department had a remarkable year, having had 2000 mission study classes, with enrollment of 22,200 pupils.

What our future plans are: It will be remembered by this association that at the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention which met in Atlanta, Ga., last May, that while in session, with 4,200 messengers present, that in answer to what the convention felt was God's call to bigger things in missionary work, and in obedience to His command "To go up and possess the land." The great 75 Million Campaign was launched and has been submitted to the several states, and associations, with the amounts that each state and association is expected to raise. Our state has been asked to raise $3,500,000 in five years, and this association to raise $50,000 of the above amount.

We have therefore come like Esther to the kingdom, for such a time like this, when if we like, like she, shall be able and equal to the hour, must cry unto God to give us a faith sufficient to believe Him and to obey His call.

Your committee would therefore recommend that this association do now in session accept the allotment, and that this association so instruct the delegates from the several churches.

J. O. BUCKLEY, Chairman.

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## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Missions defined: That with which a messenger or an agent is sent. State missions, then, would be, that message Committed to an agent or a messenger to be delivered to the people of a given state.

State Missions may be better understood and appreciated when we study it in its relation to all other mission work.

As I see it, it is fundamental or the foundation of all of our mission work and as the foundation is, so will be the structure when it is complete. If builded on the sandy foundation the winds and rain will destroy it, but if builded on the rock it will stand the test.

As the missions in the different state fields are, so will it be in our home and foreign fields.

Show me a state, church or an individual that is strong

on state missions and you will find them strong on all other missions also. At least seventy-five per cent of the strong churches of our state have been made possible because of the help they received from our state board.

They are strong numerically, financially and in giving, and every dollar given by the state board to these churches has been returned four-fold. No phase of our mission work has paid so well as state missions, therefore we urge that a large place be given to state missions on our mission program.

We are thankful that that great body of messengers in convention at Atlanta, gave us such a splendid mission program.

The 75 Million Drive that is now on is a worthy task for the three million Southern Baptists. And the three million five hundred thousand for the one hundred and eighty thousand Baptists of Mississippi is also a worthy task and by the grace of God we purpose to put it over in good shape.

We were willing, and did give our million for the war cause and to help our government do what she did do, i. e., gain the victory and now we cannot afford not to come to the help of our Lord and Master with our millions, to help Him fight the battle against sin.

We therefore conclude this report by making the following recommendations: First, That this, the Jefferson Davis County Association accept the fifty thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars as its part in this great drive. Second; We further recommend that each of the churches in the association also accept the amount apportioned them and that we make an honest effort to "go over the top" with the whole mission program.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LEE.

(By request of Bro. J. E. Johnson, who was appointed as chairman.)

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## REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS

We believe that all Baptists will admit that the greatest possession of Mississippi Baptists today are their denominational schools. Especially when we take into consideration such

schools as Mississippi College and Hillman College located at Clinton, Blue Mounain College located at Blue Mountain; Mississippi Woman's College located at Hattiesburg; Clark Memorial School for Juniors located at Newton; besides the interest we have in the Bible Institute at New Orleans, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas.

The day has come when no one will question the fact that these schools are our greatest factors in training our boys and girls. These schools should, and do, stand as our ideal of Christian education. By them are we judged and by them is the influence of the Baptist denomination strengthened. By means of these schools the Christian ideal is being carried throughout all the world.

If there is a demand by the commericial world for one class of boys and girls above another it is for those who have received a Christian education. Your committee believes that in Christian education lies the cure for many, if not all, our evils, both as to church and state. While these schools are highly essential in the development of the denominational life they are equally as essential in the development of the best citizenship. After all, the development of the individual is the one great ideal. We should look well to the planting of the right principles in the mind of our boys and girls—principles of worth that are noble and pure.

The Christian colleges are concerned with making a life filled with the teachings and life of Him who said: What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul.

These colleges must render service equal to the best of other schools or go out of business.

W. W. DALE.

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## REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

For 22 years our Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., has been doing a much needed work in caring for and training destitute and homeless orphan children.

We believe that this is a work that lies near the heart of our Saviour, over and over again He speaks of the children and admonishes and even warns against the neglect and mistreatment of the orphan child. He gives it as one the surest evidences of pure and undefiled religion, "to visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction," at time of distress and need. For these 22 years our people have heard the cry of the orphan and have busied themselves in an organized effort to relieve their helpless condition. For these years the helpless orphans have been gathered from every quarter of our state and from the worst and most destitute conditions and surroundings, have been given a comfortable home; the necessary medical attention; good wholesome food, and the tender care and training of Christian matrons and teachers, making them happy and fitting them for useful lives.

More than 800 children have been thus cared for and trained in our home, many of whom have gone out to take their place in life as good citizens, home makers and Christian workers.

We would urge our people to stand by our orphanage as they have in the years past and supply the necessary money, food and clothing to enable our management to meet every need of our orphan children as they cry unto us for help.

We have in the home now 140 children who must be fed and clothed and trained and schooled even in this time of high prices, such as we have not seen before.

About 30 of our children have professed faith in Jesus during this year and are being trained for service in His kingdom. These children appeal to us for our tenderest sympathy, most liberal support, and prayer for our Saviour's richest blessings upon them.

We plead for liberal contributions of money, produce and clothing this fall for our orphan children.

W. C. HUTCHINS.

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## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

A minister is a servant of God, called by Him and set apart for special work. Educate means to lead out, to instruct. How

can our ministers lead or instruct if they have never been taught? Can the blind lead the blind else both will go into the ditch?

Statistics will show you that nine of our preachers out of ten come from very poor homes. Homes where father and mother are not financially able even to give the child a decent public school education to say nothing about college. Then would you dare be so bold as to say we ought to withhold a college education from him. No, a thousand times.

Paul was the best and strongest preacher mentioned in Holy Writ and he was the most highly educated one of them.

We have a sect of people who claim that God calls a man and completely fits him up for service. Suppose you examine that doctrine by some other scripture. He says the man that tills the soil shall have bread. I believe that with all my heart, but I know I have to put some seed corn into that soil, and do a goodly number of other things before I can eat that bread that God spoke about. So with God, he calls the person and gives that person a reasonable set of brains, but that person has got to work out his salvation with fear and trembling. That is he has to fit and polish himself with all these facilities before he can decently and respectfully proclaim the word of God.

David said, "O God, thou hast taught me from my youth, and I declared they wonderous works."

We have several schools set apart for ministerial training. Mississippi College, Clark College, Seminaries at Louisville, New Orleans and Fort Worth. We "as a Baptist people" are asleep on this subject of ministerial education. We are simply playing with it. Brethren let us wake up to a full sense of what our duty is to God along this line.

Respectfully,

L. C. BURKETT.

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## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The influence of America in shaping world-ideals today is unequalled by any other nation. Sound missionary policy requires that we shall really make America Christian. Baptists

of the South have in the Home Mission Board an agency of marked efficiency through which they are bringing to bear their combined efforts to that end.

A great work of soul-winning still confronts us in the South, where about 20,000,000 persons make no profession of religion, though the South is better evangelized than any other section of the country. Our Home Missionaries lead those of all other denominations in the work of soul-winning. 40,000 converts were added to the churches last year through their labors. We rejoice that during the present year the Board's strong evangelistic service is being enlarged still more.

The reproach of 3,000 unhoused Baptist churches in the South is being removed by direct gifts and by the Million Dollar Loan Fund of our board. A great service is being rendered through our large system of mission schools to the belated people in the mountain districts of the South.

One of the greatest tasks before Southern Baptists is the nurturing of many of our churches, through adequate preaching services and pastoral work, whose members are second to none in their sound Americanism and evangelical faith, but who have not been adequately taught in the life of faith. Our Home Board, after six years of effort in this new field, is substantially enlarging the enlistment work.

In the field of Indians, Foreigners and Negroes, the board is enlarging its service to meet enlarging opportunities. In its co-operative work with State boards, especially in the relatively younger states, it is doing the largest work in its history. In Cuba and Panama the board's work shows a healthy growth, a full return in spiritual fruits for the money we have given to it.

Adjusting itself to the enlarged effort made possible by the $75,000,000 Campaign, the board is expending $1,500,000 this year, much of it in needy strategic places it was not before possible to enter.

We heartily commend our board for the vigorous and able stand of Dr. B. D. Gray, its corresponding secretary, and his associates, to safeguard the fundamental principles of religious liberty and justice, when these were threatened by forces which used the occasion of the war to betray our American

freedom of faith. The service of our secretary and our board in this emergency was invaluable.

These days of reconstruction are a time of severe testing to the character and Christian faith of our people. With our whole heart we rejoice that the Southern Baptist Convention has in the $75,000,000 Campaign provided $12,000,000 to be used by our Home Board in evangelizing and Christianizing the South. Let us raise it!

Respectfully submitted,

C. V. SUTTON.

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## REPORT ON SUSTENTATION

Sustentation carries with it the idea of ministerial support of the aged minister and his family and should impress upon us a spirit of Christian duty. Many aged ministers have given the best part of their lives, ,and that without means to supply themselves with the necessaries of life, to the service of the churches. The aged ministers now are unable to do active work and this class should appeal to the manhood of the churches to see that they are supplied with the necessaries of life. There are some 20 or 25 who come under this head. This should be laid before our churches and a contribution requested for their relief. We would be glad to report each as an advancement along this line of work. There are now some 50 churches in this state that are doing missionary work and need some $5,000 or $6,000 for the cause of sustentation, $120 from each association. Your committee believes that if the churches and associations knew more about the work of the superanuated ministers, who they are, and what they receive from the board, it would stimulate the churches to put forth better efforts than they have heretofore. If the association in which the aged minister labored can supply their needs without help of the convention it should do so willingly. The young of that association could see who did the work and for what purpose, and see that they should do it themselves. If the churches, for whom the aged ministers labored can supply their needs, they should do so without the help of the associations, same as the associations should without the help

of the convention. The lesson would be clearer and show honesty and teach a lesson of generosity to the churches. We owe it to the preachers, for labor actually performed. If the minister's children, or other relatives, can sustain him, they should do so without the help of the churches. In addition to teaching lessons of generosity, they honor their parents, and give to the world a blessing and receive a blessing. If the children and relatives fail to support the aged minister, and church also fail, then it becomes our duty, as individuals. Jesus, our Lord, said, "Inasmuch as you did it unto the least of these, you did it unto me." Then help today.

Respectfully,

N. S. BUCKLEY

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## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK—THE W. M. U.

The aims of the Union for the past years have been: Individual and united prayer, regular Bible and mission study, systematic and proportionate giving, organized personal service. Declaration of the fact that they are on the side of these forces which make for righteousness, standing for patriotism, supporting national prohibition, education and purity of life. The Union has striven to meet the needs of the soldiers, prayed for them, assisted and sympathised with their families, helped the Red Cross in its efforts to relieve the stricken countries of Europe. The Union believes that the many patriotic appeals during the war have developed all classes of people in proportionate, and even generous giving, and believing that in the future such appeals will not be numerous, the society is endeavoring to conserve for the Master this splendid system and spirit of giving. The Union is deeply interested in the work fostered by our denomination and recognize that the crises sometimes call for unusual and even sacrifical support, and in view of the remarkable enlargements of the plans of the Southern Baptist Convention and the new and large undertakings of the Union all the members are now making special efforts to become thoroughly acquainted with the Union's policies and methods. The W. M. U. promises faithful allegiance to, and stands ready to give hearty co-operation to all plans

for the 75 Million Campaign. The Union pledges to use every effort to win, to enlist, to inspire, to organize and try to see the world's need from His view point, and under His guidance to win gloriously in the campaign for the "multiplied millions for the Master."

During the past year the work was suspended from October to March, on account of the flu, but despite this fact the Union is able to make a creditable showing in their annual report of the work done during this associational year:

Foreign Missions, $200; Home Missions, $150; State Missions, $250; Christian Education $100; Orphange, $100; Hospital, $50. Building and Loan, $5; Sustentation, $20; Training School, $20; Freewill Offering, $5; Red Cross $10; Pastor's Salary, $200. Expenses Delegate to State Baptist Convention, $6; To the poor, $30; Home Uses, $300; Aged Ministers, $20; Total, $1266.

Respectfull submitted,
W. J. CARTER.

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On motion, Brother J. O. Buckley and the deacons of this church were appointed as a committee on religious exercises.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Brother B. F. Reddoch read the report on Nominations, and on motion was adopted as follows:

That Rev. J. A. Lee be our messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention and A. H. Dale alternate.

We recommend that the churches of this association make a contribution to defray the expenses of the messenger to the convention, to be sent to the treasurer of this association not later than April 1, 1920.

We recommend also that the following brethren write reports on the following subjects, to be read at the next session of this association: Foreign Missions, Rev. J. A. Lee; State Missions, Rev. J. O. Buckley; Home Missions, L. A. Miller; Denominational Schools, B. F. Reddoch; Publication, Clifton Williamson; Orphanage, L. C. Burkett; Ministerial Education, Charlie Laird; Church Discipline, S. B. Bishop; Sustetation, J F. Bass; Woman's Work, W. H. Thompson; Sunday Schools,

C. V. Sutton; Hospital, Clyde Applewhite; B. Y. P. U., F. J. Lee.

We recommend that J. O. Buckley preach the next associational sermon; J. A. Lee alternate.

Your committee also recommends that the next association meet with Oak Grove on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1920, 10 o'clock a. m.

We recommend that Rev. J. O. Buckley be sent as a member to the State Board from this association.

B. F. REDDOCH
JOHN LAIRD
F. J. LEE

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Brother J. O. Buckley read the report on religious exercises. On motion, was adopted as follows:

We recommend that Brother B. E. Phillips preach at 11:30 a. m. and that Brother J. A. Lee preach at 2:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. BUCKLEY, Chairman

After announcements, adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother J. R. Carter.

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## THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

After song service, prayer by Brother J. A. Lee.

The association was announced in order for business.

The minutes of the association were read and corrected.

Brother J. H. Johnston read the report on finance, on motion, was adopt as follows:

### FINANCE REPORT

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to report as follows:

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| Received for Minutes the sum of | $ 56.05 |
| Amount for State Missions and Ass'n. Expenses | 58.75 |
| Total | $114.80 |

Respectfully submitted
J. H. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Brother Luther C. Burkett read the report on Sunday Schools, and was discussed by him, J. A. Lee, J. O. Buckley and Leon Tyrone. On motion, was adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Sunday schools, feel very sensibly our inability to make a report in keeping with the importance of the work.

If we, as Christian men and women; could grasp just what the Sunday school means to the church, if we could get a true conception of the relation of the Sunday school to the church, and what the Sunday school work means to the church, a broader vision would be ours and there would be an awakening on the part of the church membership who believes that the Sunday school work is a work, largely; for the women and children.

We would, that they could be brought to realize that through the Sunday school the majority of the accessions to the church comes; yet our information is that the Sunday school enrollment is only about fifty per cent of that of the church. This is a condition to be deplored, and to assist in over-coming this condition we suggest that the subject be kept before the churches and stress the importance of increasing the membership of the Sunday schools.

Our observation is, that the majority of the best workers in the church are the ones who come up through the Sunday school. No doubt the Bible truths implanted in the minds and hearts of the young gives to the church one with a broader vision of duty, a deeper and broader vision of just what our Saviour meant when he gave the commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and when he said "Love they neighbor as thyself."

Our experience leads us to conclude that the Christian who has had the advantage of Sunday school training, teaching and Bible study, as a rule, can see the needs of a lost world much more readily than otherwise, and can be more easily enlisted to work for and support all church work. They seem to have the spirit of "work and pay" as well as "watch and pray," and just as essential to doing the Master's work. Lets make a great effort to double the membership of the

Sunday school, not in numbers only, but in loyalty to the Master and His cause.

Respectfully submitted,
J. P. DEAR, Committee.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Brother C. V. Sutton read the treasurer's report, and on motion the report was adopted as follows:

To the Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association:

As your treasurer, I beg leave to make the following report:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount forwarded from last year | | $215.93 |
| Amount from finance this year | | 114.80 |
| | | $330.73 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Baptist Orphanage | $110.78 | |
| J. W. Burrow, Clerk | 25.00 | |
| Hederman Bros., Minutes | 37.50 | |
| J. B. Lawrence | 42.65 | $215.93 |
| Amount on hand | | $114.80 |
| | | $330.73 |

Respectfull submitted,
C. V. SUTTON.

On motion, the treasurer of this association is hereby authorized and directed to pay to our state secretary all funds that may be in his possession after paying the expenses of the association.

On motion, the treasurer of this association be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay over all funds in his possession belonging to the various institutions fostered by our State Baptist Convention.

On motion, resolved, That the thanks of this association be, and the same are hereby tendered to the members of this church, and to the good people of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this association.

On motion, the clerk of this association be and he is hereby

authorized and directed to have as many copies of our minutes printed as is necessary to supply the number requested by the several churches, and that he be paid the sum of twenty-five dollars for his services rendered during this session.

On motion, the minutes of the association were read, corrected and approved.

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## REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

We, your committee on the apportionment made by our state board to the churches of this association on the 75 Million Drive, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We thank the board for honoring us with a great task.
2. We will accept the apportionment and make an honest effort to raise what has been asked for.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. BERRY, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Oakgrove church on Friday, before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1920, at 10 a. m.

Closing prayer by Brother J. O. Buckley.

A. H. DALE, Moderator.

J. W. BURROW, Clerk.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

| Churches and School | Superintendent | Officers and Teachers | Pupils | Total Enrollment | Graded | Church Mem. in School | Officers & Teachers with Diplomas | No. Baptists from School | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antioch | E. R. Brown, Prentiss | 6 | 56 | 62 | No | 31 | None | 3 | None |
| Bassfield | J. P. Dear, Bassfield | 9 | 82 | 91 | | 55 | | | |
| Bethany | | | | | | | | | |
| Carson | H. O. Murry, Carson | 7 | 57 | 64 | | 27 | | 12 | |
| Ebenezer | S. T. Hood, Columbia | 7 | 41 | 48 | | 28 | 2 | 7 | |
| Hebron | W. C. Hutchins, New Hebron | | | | | | | | |
| Hepsabah | | | | | | | | | |
| Oak Grove | A. M. Cole, Silver Creek | 6 | 52 | 58 | No | 33 | | 6 | |
| Phalti | H. S. Booth, Mt. Olive | 7 | 60 | 67 | No | 20 | None | | |
| Prentiss | C. E. Thompson, Prentiss | 13 | | | Yes | 15 | | | |
| Society Hill | J. F. Bass, Oakvale | 8 | 65 | 73 | No | 34 | | 3 | |
| Victory | J. E. Coulter, Bassfield | 6 | 26 | 32 | | 20 | | 3 | |
| Whitesand | J. L. Nelson, New Hebron | 8 | 82 | 90 | | 75 | | 6 | |
| | Total | 77 | 521 | 585 | | 338 | 2 | 40 | |

## CHURCH RECORD—TIME OF MEETING—CHURCH PROPERTY

| CHURCH | PASTORS | CLERKS | TIME OF MEETING | Value of Church Lot | Value of Building | Value of Pastor's Home | Total | Church Membership |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antioch | J. A. Lee, Prentiss | W. B. Bullock, Prentiss | 4 Su & Sa b'f'r | $ 20 | $ 800 | $ | $ 820 | 131 |
| Bassfield | M. J. Derrick, Sumrall | C. W. Applewhite, Bassfield | First Sunday | 200 | 2,000 | | 2,200 | 172 |
| Bethany | J. O. Buckley, Prentiss | W. H. Stamps, Prentiss | | | 1,000 | | 1,000 | 183 |
| Carson | J. A. Lee, Prentiss | A. E. Nelson, Carson | 4th Sunday | 200 | 800 | | 1,000 | 89 |
| Ebenezer | J. B. Polk, Clinton | L. B. Thompson, Bassfield | | | 2,000 | | 2,000 | 201 |
| Hebron | J. P. Williams, Mendenhall | E. H. Walker, New Hebron | 4th Sunday | | 2,000 | | 2,000 | 249 |
| Hepsabah | J. O. Buckley, Prentiss | J. L. Speights, Arm | 4th Sunday | | 1,000 | | 1,000 | 214 |
| Oak Grove | C. W. Black, Shiver | H. T. Griffith, White Sand | 4th Sunday | | | | | 84 |
| Phalti | J. A. Lee, Prentiss | H. D. Booth, Mt. Olive | 2nd Sa. & Su. | | 850 | | 850 | 133 |
| Prentiss | J. A. Lee, Prentiss | W. W. Lee, Prentiss | 1st & 3rd Sun. | | 4,000 | | 6,000 | 165 |
| Society Hill | J. O. Buckley, Prentiss | H. C. Williamson, Oakvale | 1st Sunday | | 1,200 | 2,000 | 1,200 | 167 |
| Victory | J. L. Watts, Improve | J. P. Warren, Bassfield | 2nd Sa. & Sun. | | 950 | | 1,100 | 86 |
| Whitesand | J. O. Buckley, Prentiss | D. N. Weathersby, S'l'v'r Crk. | 2 Su.&Sa. b'f'r | 150 | 1,000 | | 1,000 | 228 |
| | | | | $ 570 | $17,600 | $2,000 | $20,170 | 2,102 |

## FINANCIAL REPORT

| | Pastor's Salary | Visit. Min. & Sing. | Pastor's Asst. & Org. | Bldg. & Repair Debts | S. S. & B. Y. P. U. Ex. | Local Poor | Associational Work | All Object not Classified | Total Home Expense | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Christian Education | Ministerial Relief | Orphanage | Hospital | Armenian | Total Benev. Objects |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antioch... | $250.00 | $ | $ | $ | $18.79 | $ | $5.00 | $ 29.00 | $ 302.79 | $ 80.35 | $ 60.00 | $ 54.50 | $ 5.15 | | | | $16.59 | $21 |
| Bassfield.. | 300.00 | 84.00 | | | 23.50 | | 5.75 | 3.50 | 421.75 | 112.45 | 64.46 | 96.71 | 160.55 | 5.00 | 2.50 | 5.00 | | 44 |
| Bethany... | 250.00 | 59.00 | | 64.24 | | | 5.00 | | 378.24 | 31.65 | 125.00 | 52.00 | | | 14.00 | | | 22 |
| Carson.... | 100.00 | 25.00 | | | 20.00 | | 3.00 | | 148.00 | | 16.25 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Ebenezer.. | 250.00 | 63.00 | | | 18.00 | | 6.00 | | 381.00 | 24.00 | 23.00 | 23.00 | 49.00 | | 55.00 | 9.00 | | 18 |
| Hebron.... | 317.40 | 154.60 | 6.00 | | | | 5.25 | 10.50 | 493.75 | 185.00 | 100.00 | 125.00 | 30.00 | 15.00 | 60.00 | 40.00 | | 55 |
| Hepsabah.. | 225.00 | | 57.00 | | | 15.00 | 2.35 | 79.50 | 378.85 | 43.54 | 29.49 | 34.62 | | | | | | 10 |
| Oak Grove. | 200.00 | 23.50 | | 210.00 | | | | | 433.50 | | 30.70 | 40.10 | | | | | | 7 |
| Phatti..... | 250.00 | 52.00 | | | 12.00 | 21.00 | 5.00 | 100.00 | 440.10 | 73.24 | 20.80 | 41.70 | | | | | | 13 |
| Prentiss... | 800.00 | 175.00 | | 38.00 | | | 8.50 | 125.00 | 1146.50 | 182.00 | 180.46 | 270.69 | 150.00 | | | | | 78 |
| Society Hill | 250.00 | 80.00 | | | | | 2.50 | | 332.50 | 55.00 | 20.83 | 66 17 | | 3.25 | | | | 14 |
| Victory.... | 7.00 | 26.00 | | 135.00 | | | | 4.55 | 172.75 | 15.00 | 12.25 | | | | | | | 2 |
| Whitesand. | 250.00 | 61.80 | | 105.95 | | 14.50 | 3.50 | 140.00 | 575.75 | 105.25 | 85.00 | 100.00 | 25.00 | 25.50 | 20.00 | 15.00 | | 37 |

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, Y. W. A. AND BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

| | President W. M. U. | President B. Y. P. U. | No. Mem. W. M. U. | Avg. Attend. W. M. U. | No. Tithers W. M. U. | No. Mem. B. Y. P. U. | Avg. Attend B. Y. P. U. | No. Tithers B. Y. P. U. | Total Contributed |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antioch | Mrs. W. P. Turnage, Prentiss | | 17 | 11 | | | | | |
| Bassfield | Mrs. A. E. Bass Bassfield | | 25 | 15 | | | | | |
| Bethany | Mrs. Clara Burrow, Prentiss | | | | | | | | |
| Carson | | | | | | | | | |
| Ebenezer | Mrs. Rosa McNeiss, Bassfield | | | | | | | | |
| Hebron | Mrs. R. C. Berthea, New Hebron | Miss Lillian Bush, New Hebron | 30 | 26 | | | | | 12.50 |
| Hepsabah | | | | | | | | | |
| Oak Grove | | | | | | | | | 164.10 |
| Phalti | | | | | | | | | |
| Prentiss | | | 47 | 24 | 4 | | | | |
| Society Hill | Mrs. Delia Williamson, Oakvale | | 18 | 12 | | | | | |
| Victory | Mrs. H. B. Coulter, Collins | | 15 | 8 | | | | | 175.90 |
| Whitesand | Mrs. R. B. Dale, Prentiss | | 52 | 35 | | | | | 282.30 |
| | | Total | 204 | 131 | 4 | | | | $634.80 |

